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Debate resolution irresolute at PUC

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The debaters stand up for "The Star Spangled Banner" and "God Save the Queen" before the debate begins.

Eric Roldan
Chronicle Correspondent

Though no resolution was made, debaters at PUC determined America is a meritocracy. The 6th Annual British Debate featuring the British National Debate Team and PUC students was held Nov. 16 in Alumni Hall in the SUL building with over 300 in attendance.

The proceedings began promptly at 11 a.m. with "The Prince of Denmark March" trumpeted by Charles Mann, followed by a welcome message from Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Ronald Kovach. Chancellor Howard Cohen gave the opening remarks followed by the presentation of citation by Melissa Banavidez, head of Outreach Programs and Collaborations at the Center for Student Achievement.

In a message, Hammond City Mayor Thomas McDermott officially named Nov. 16 "Debate Day" in the city of Hammond. SGA President David Ober presented the British participants with gifts.

"God Save the Queen" and "The Star Spangled Banner" played brilliantly, followed by the introduction of resolution and debate by PUC Communications and Creative Arts Professor William Robinson. Robinson has moderated all six British Debates held on campus over the years.

From there, the dispute of whether or not the American dream is a myth began.

The night before the debate, the four debaters—PUC English writing major Evan Hixon, biological sciences major Joseph Zagorski, British debater Andrew Tuffin (an active debater on the European universities' debating circuit) and former President of the Manchester Debating Union and Midlands Debating Alliance Dan Bradley—held a fireside chat in the British visitors' hotel in an attempt to define what exactly the American dream is.

After hours of sharing ideas, equating and eliminating concepts that America shares with other nations and with Bradley and Tuffin taking into consideration their own experiences in Britain, the group agreed on something which they could base their arguments on for the following day which would properly represent the American dream. They agreed America is a meritocracy.

Dictionary.com defines meritocracy as, "an elite group of people whose progress is based on ability and talent rather than on class privilege or a wealthy system in which such persons are rewarded and advanced" and "leadership by able and talented persons."

One team, comprised of Hixon and Tuffin, argued the American dream is indeed a myth. Zagorski and Bradley advocated that it is not a myth.

Hixon spoke first on the issue. He brought up many points to ponder, saying freedom is just the government not telling you what to do and in America, the appearance of success replaces actual success. Hixon said people strive to look as if one has succeeded, giving the idea that this has replaced actual success in our capitalistic society.

In response to Hixon, Zagorski claimed the American dream includes the ability to move past your failures and barriers using the rights given to us by our forefathers to succeed in America.

He begged the question in British opposition, "What good is free healthcare if you are forced by your government to be complacent?"

After saying a few things to make the audience laugh, Tuffin retorted, "Now that I've been nice to you, let me tell you why you've been living a lie."

Tuffin expressed his belief—it's not that the people of America don't believe in the dream, but the actions to prove the dream true aren't there. Tuffin claimed that American consumerism has become the American dream.

In response, Bradley claimed that America is the greatest wealth-building machine in the world, because it rewards merit. Bradley's view on the issue was that the rights and laws of the United States give its citizens the freedom to work hard and to create considerable personal wealth.

A second round of arguments continued, with Zagorski using the election of President Obama

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Perez and Weaver take to the 'Shore

Photo provided

Audrey Weaver, a senior, made use of the skills she learned to start Southshore Photography.

Carl Kurek
Staff Writer

With expertise, passion, a dream and persistence, anything is possible, especially in the business world. PUC students Audrey Weaver and Jose Perez know this.

Weaver and Perez have been PUC students since the fall of 2004. The high school sweethearts, who have been dating for the past eight years, are graduating in May 2010. Weaver is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in secondary education, and Perez will be getting his associate degree in business and plans to pursue his Bachelor's degree part time.

About two years ago, the couple started Southshore Photography, a business that offers on-location photography with a unique modern, artistic and romantic style of shooting that Weaver and Perez have developed.

Weaver had a background in retouching and color-correcting images. Perez took several photography courses, including one at PUC. They say they built their business by focusing on improving what they saw as "short comings" in the photography industry and wanted to offer something different.

"We're not big on the studio approach, and we're often confused by the need for painted backdrops and fake props," Weaver said.

They agree if people want an urban style photo shoot, then the shoot should take place in a real urban setting instead of in a studio.

Southshore Photography mainly specializes in wedding photography, as well as engagement, bridal and family photography. Although they work out of Northwest Indiana, they also cover Chicago, IL, and destination weddings worldwide.

Weaver and Perez said they often have different perceptions of the subjects they photograph and attribute this to a masculine versus feminine approach. Their images will sometimes turn out different even though they are shooting the same moment.

"Together the images are much more powerful at telling a story since they offer both perspectives," Weaver said.

"When we're not shooting uninterrupted moments and emotions in a photojournalistic manner, we find that we shoot with an editorial and often fashion-influenced feel," Perez said.

Weaver and Perez feel being a couple makes a significant impact on the images they produce as

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What's Going On?
A Look Around...

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More information about the H1N1 vaccine available to Purdue Calumet students can be obtained by contacting the university's Student Health Services Center at shscenter@calumet.purdue.edu or 219/989-1235.

"Off the Map"
The Purdue Calumet Theatre Company is presenting its production about a "green" family in New Mexico. The show will take place Saturday and Sunday Nov. 28 and 29 and Friday and Saturday Dec. 4 and 5.

Alpa Psi Lambda Blood Drive
Alpa Psi Lambda will be hosting a blood drive in Alumni Hall, SUL. All blood donations will be taken by Lifesource on Dec. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information, contact Jessica Cortez at ycortez@purdue.calumet.edu.

Black Student Union 40th Anniversary
This event to celebrate 40 years of BSU on campus will take place Dec. 4 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Banquet Room at The Center.

Toys for Tots Drive
The local branch of "Toys for Tots" will give us a box to collect new, unwrapped toys for children. These toys will stay in our local community and will go to children up to the age of 12. The Honors Program will advertise and attend to the box. We would like to have it set up either in SUL or CLO. Items will be collected on Dec. 14.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES
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Stress Free Week
Come be stress free with Student Activities. Events will be happening daily from Dec. 7 to Dec. 10 in SUL, so check for upcoming details.

Music Lunch Series
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Nov. 23
Good Morning Café (Free Coffee)
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; SUL Concourse

Dec. 4
Family Movie Night Friday - "Up"
6 p.m.; SUL TV Room

Dec. 5
Museum of Science & Industry Trip
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. - Includes bus transportation & admission. Register by 11/30/09 in LAWS-352; PUC Undergrads $10; Others $24.

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Please limit submissions to four sentences and include the first and last name of the contact person.

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CORRECTIONS

In last week's story "'Punch' still undefeated," The Chronicle attributed one photo to Nathyn Gibson and one photo to Parvizsho Aminov. Both photos were taken by Parvizsho Aminov. The Chronicle regrets this error.

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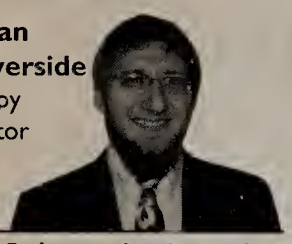

Professors often have a hard time transitioning from the role of a student's friend to the role of authority as a professor. They try to be friends with their students, until a bad experience or new regulations force them to stifle all friendship.

This topic came up a couple of times during the first Lunch with a Professor event from the Honors Program. Medieval English Professor Colin Fewer was the subject, and he talked about his graduate studies, beginning as a professor, and the transition from Canada to America.

The whole event made me think about the delicate balance professors feel. Should they befriend everyone, or should they play it safe and only teach, doing nothing more?

While I understand the safety in being cold and callous, I also believe it contributes negatively to the effectiveness of the teaching. Speaking from experience, students resent the professor for what is said. Even if the exact same material were covered by a friendlier professor, the students would be more inclined to be engaged in class discussion, to be involved and to care.

I brought this up during the discussion, and Professor Fewer talked about his experience, mentioning some of his worst professors were ones he learned the most from.

Some of the more traditional teaching styles, involving lecture halls and dozing students, are apparently becoming antiquated. They are rapidly being replaced with much more progressive teaching styles, such as experiential learning and distance learning classes. These types of classes are more involved and more personal, allowing the professor to devote more individual attention to the students.

Is this a better way to go, or is it just the necessary result of a new generation of students who are attention-deficit and cannot handle lectures and grandiose professors that sneer down their noses at any who dare ask a question?

Professors might have difficulty finding the balance between friendship and material, friendship and duty or friendship and safety, but the blame also lies on the students.

If all PUC students were here to learn, the entire atmosphere of the campus would be entirely different. Most students are here just to plow through their degree and move on, move away, and forget they ever came here. This is evident in the retention rate, the low number of active PUC Alumni, and the general attitude of students on campus: "All I have to do is make it through this class, and then..."

This kind of attitude leaves PUC professors at a draw—do they cater to the desires of the masses or do they stick to their tried-and-true methods of lectures and other teaching methods?

The real question here is this: is this new wave of distance learning and experiential learning courses a step toward progress, or is it admission of guilt, that PUC students are no longer mentally fit enough to take the old-style courses?

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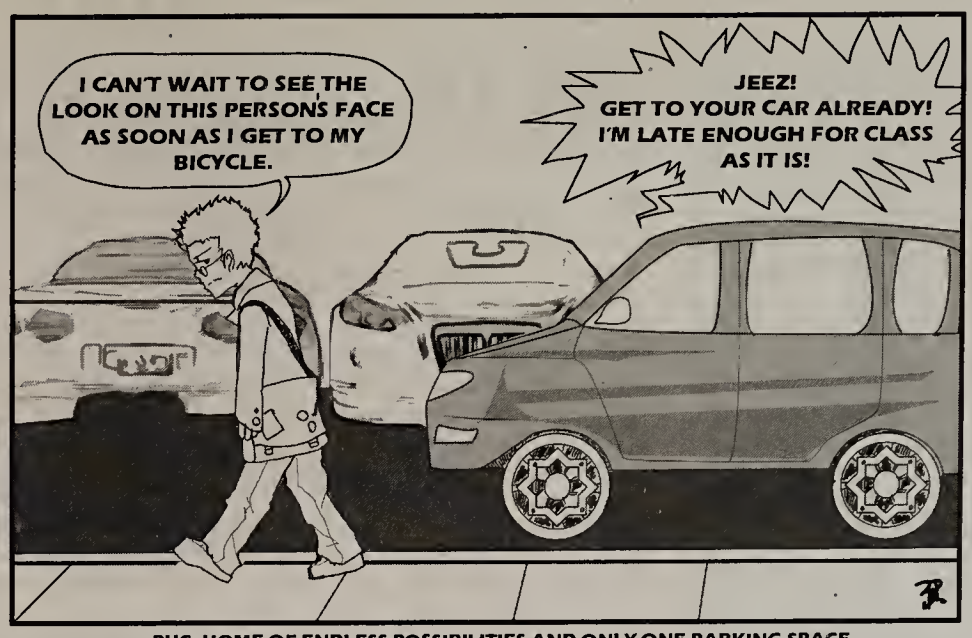

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PUC makes strides in diversity

The issue: PUC's Got Talent demonstrated unity in campus diversity

Our position: We are grateful for PUC's strides

In light of the Thanksgiving holiday, we have decided to focus on a positive element of our PUC experience. We often cite diversity as a reason PUC should do things that aren't being done or stop doing things that are being done. For now, we will sit back and appreciate our student body's differences in and of themselves and the positive changes we've observed.

One thing that stands out about campus is the outline of self-segregation, most noticeably in SUL. In our Sept. 21 issue, our Letter to the Editor cited SUL's tendency to organize into certain areas by culture, religion, or ethnicity. We feel this cliquish mentality harks back to the juvenile days of high school, during which lunch tables were the ultimate domain. This attitude is what makes school-wide events so crucial.

Many student organizations are also based around cultural or ethnic similarities. This leaves many of the events revolving around ideas and traditions important to one specific group. While such a welcoming atmosphere to people of these cultures is beneficial, a well-rounded campus also needs events which unify across all colors, races, religions, and backgrounds.

PUC's Got Talent was one of these events. Regardless of the rather obvious differences which society uses to define humans, everyone in the audience seemed to enjoy the production. Even the top three finalists displayed a range of characteristics, from an Indian dance to a street rapper's style. Many who may never have attended culturally-targeted events were able to enjoy the beauty of life experiences varying from their own.

This kind of campus community should be further explored. These life experiences are what help us grow into intelligent and open-minded adults, if not merely by overcoming a possibly uncomfortable situation. Going outside of one's comfort zone is a sure way to mature, one of the essential purposes of attending a learning institution.

This is why college is typically thought of as the second childhood, where one can be most open to new ideas and experimentation. Too often, though, this kind of up-in-the-air attitude leads to fear students may turn to alcohol or sexual experimentation. In reality, the opportunities are just as open to personal advancement through learning from other people, not just books.

For this reason, it is of utmost importance for students to take advantage of both the culturally specific and campus unifying events. Both have potential to provide long-term benefits, but in the short term, they are simply a way to meet new people. There have been a growing number of these opportunities on campus, and PUC seems to be on track to gain even more. We hope this trend of recognizing and embracing both diversity and unity continues.

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The reluctant Army wife

Gina Barone
Entertainment Editor

When I met my husband, he was in the Army. It is not a big secret military families spend much time apart, and this fact was not appealing to me.

Skip forward to when his unit was set to deploy in Iraq. We knew long before it ever happened. The only alleviating factor was his contract was to be completed before that time arrived.

The term "Stop Loss" came up around this time, a policy forcing a soldier to deploy with his unit within 90 days, regardless of his contract being up. At this time, a new Secretary of Defense, Robert Gates, was appointed and shouted loudly about eradicating this policy, which had long since been done away with in other branches of the military.

I had never planned on being an Army wife. However, I watched as my husband became a casualty of the Stop Loss policy.

People told me a lot of things, everything from how the time will fly to the latest war violence on the news, which, by the way, was "SO appreciated" (insert sarcasm here).

I spent 15 months separated from my husband. He came home briefly on leave after four months, for two weeks, after which I was separated from him for almost a year.

The time did not "fly by." In fact, almost a year after having him home, I can say it was truly the longest, most difficult, gut-wrenching and horrifying experience of my life. I would not wish it on my worst enemy.

Recently, I saw a story on CNN about a female soldier who chose to *stay home and care for her son* over deploying with her unit to Afghanistan. The story stated that the female soldier had a Family Care Plan in place which fell through less than 24 hours before her unit was to leave. Ironically, the soldier is currently confined on base to await charges while her son is in her Family Care Plan.

As an ex-Army wife, I can say I am completely offended by this woman's actions. Currently, every soldier is notified of deployment months, and sometimes years, in advance. The Family Care Plan is stated in black and white, signed by every soldier and repeated about five thousand times before deploying. It seems a little too convenient for this woman's plan to fall through less than 24 hours before she is due to leave, especially when she has known of this deployment most likely before the child was even conceived.

Over 30,000 single mothers have served in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, according to a recent report compiled by the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America. The attempt this soldier made to get out of her deployment is an insult to the mothers who had the courage and were responsible enough to serve.

My situation was not fair. Yes, my husband signed a contract and swore an oath. However, I feel he was taken advantage of under a policy that is no longer in practice. When my husband and I learned he was going to deploy, we did not run, we did not hide. Seven months after I swore my marriage vows, I had to kiss him goodbye and send him off to war.

For those of us who have, or had, someone they love serve in this, and any other war, this woman's actions are an insult. As a former reluctant Army wife who sucked it up and did what had to be done, I commend any person who dealt with the same and I deplore anyone who tried to pull cheap tricks to get out of it.

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'Chinese Star' shows off PUC's talent

Chronicle photo by Marissa O' Donley

Ren Ren sang a song by Weiqi Fan, using two of her students (not pictured) as backup.

Marissa O'Donley
Staff Writer

Despite minor microphone and computer issues, the Chinese Student Association went through with Chinese Star. The competition, held Nov. 15, consisted of singing songs in both Chinese and English and playing instruments.

Chinese Star took roughly two weeks to plan. CSA had to book the TV lounge in SUL, plan awards and set up in that time period. There were ten competitors in the singing contest.

Mechanical engineering student Weizhuo Zhao, of CSA, said Chinese Star earned its name because they consider each competitor a star in his or her own way. Zhao said the contestants showed courage by singing in front of an audience, despite whether they considered themselves good singers or not.

Zhao also thought the event was a good opportunity for the students to relax and show off their talents.

Each competitor and singer brought something different to the event. Tengliang Zhu, who was also a judge for the event, was the first person to sing. Zhu sang Andy Lau's "Zai Shuo Yi Ci Wo Ai No," or "Once Again, Say 'I Love You.'"

Ren Ren sang a song by Weiqi Fan and brought two students of hers to take part. Ren taught them the Chinese, singing and dancing previously.

A performer played guitar for his song, while another played a keyboard. Two out of the sixteen performances done were English songs, featuring Craig David's "Seven Days" and James Blunt's "You're Beautiful."

At the end of the event, the audience voted for whom they liked and the judges decided who won. Although all participants won an award, the first place group consisted of four male students: Yang Wang, Cai Wang, Yichen Wang, and Long Gao. Their winning performance was Zhong Yang Yue Tuan's "Huang He Da He Chang."

There are several programs CSA considers running for the Chinese New Year. Chinese Star, the Moon Festival, and homecoming showed individual skills of various students who may take part in the final programs in February.

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Photo provided

Senior Jose Perez, along with high school sweetheart Audrey Weaver, made use of the skills they learned at PUC to start Southshore Photography.

well as how they relate with their clients.

"For engagement shoots, most couples are surprised by how much fun they have," Weaver said. "The one thing we hear most often is that it felt like a double-date." Weaver said this is especially important because on wedding days, the bride and groom are typically with their photographer more than they are with each other.

Being a team, Weaver and Perez have a unique advantage for shooting weddings. Perez documents the groom's day, while Weaver documents the bride's day. Perez said most grooms are more comfortable with another male shooting and vice versa.

While shooting family sessions, their goal is to show a family for who they really are at that particular stage in their family's growth.

"We love making people feel comfortable enough so that they can interact in a natural way and in a natural setting," Weaver said.

The couple plans to keep the business after they graduate because most of the events they photograph occur on weekends and during the summer months, which will fit well into their intended career prospects.

On a personal level, Weaver and Perez also share a love for animals and both are passionate about veganism and activism. They are very involved with animal rescue and adoption and are responsible for the newsstands in CLO filled with literature about how to lead a more "animal-friendly lifestyle."

Their passion for animal activism lead Weaver and Perez to spearhead their own organization called the Coalition for Animal Rights Education. CARE has held many events at PUC such as the first ever vegan Thanksgiving dinner, which accommodated 100 people and fundraised for the Miller Beach Humane Society.

Weaver and Perez are also involved with Farm Sanctuary, a national organization that leads campaigns for reform, as well as taking care of rescued farm animals.

"It's always an amazing experience so we always look forward to being involved with their campaigns," Perez said.

Weaver and Perez visit Farm Sanctuary's location in New York every summer.

For more information about Southshore Photography, including photo collages and Weaver and Perez's portfolios, visit www.southshorephoto.com. Southshore Photography is also on Facebook.

Information about CARE can found on MySpace.

Debate

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as proof the American dream is not a myth. Hixon rebuked the fact a person must work past more—the "more" referring to social injustices such as racism and sexism—spits in the face of what the American dream claims to be.

Bradley spoke again, saying people still flee to America because it is the land of freedom and opportunity. He said education isn't the biggest barrier to success, referring to the free education system in England. Rather, getting off your sofa and believing you can make it is the biggest barrier.

The event ended with Professor Robinson asking the audience members to vote for the argument they believed closer to the truth by simply moving to either side of Alumni Hall.

After some of the audience members on the left side of the room made their way to the right side, and vice versa, Robinson announced, "Because I had no clue of the number of attendees seated before the event began, I conclude this resolution to be inconclusive."

The debate event was presented by the Office of the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Department of Communication and Creative Arts, Center for Global Studies, Center for Student Achievement, and the Best and Brightest Scholarship Program.

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Black Student Union misses conference but has plans

Andrea Drac
Assistant News Editor

The 12th annual National Black Student Union Conference took place this past weekend in Lincolnshire, Ill. During the weekend-long event, Black Student Union groups from various campuses get together and celebrate.

"The BSU Conference takes place on a weekend, Friday through Sunday," PUC Black Student Union Vice President Rosalyn Jones said. "At the conference there is a meet-and-greet for all of the BSU members from other campuses, which allows them to get to know each other. Personal and leadership workshops also take place."

Jones first heard of the BSU National Conference through a fellow BSU member.

However, the cost of the event - $200 per person to attend - kept BSU away from the festivities.

"The cost was too much, and it was just too expensive," Jones said. "We wanted to go, but it cost too much for our whole group to go. So we were just going to send five of our advisors and leaders down there, but they ended up bowing out due to cost."

This would have been the first time PUC's BSU attended the national conference. Jones is not giving up hope for future visits.

"We hope to make this an annual thing for us soon," Jones said.

Even though BSU will not be celebrating anything at the national conference this year, they have plenty more things to celebrate. In particular, they will be celebrating their 40th anniversary, which comes up near the end of the year.

"The group was originally called Progressive Student Union until the 1970s, because the term 'black' was too radical then," Jones said.

According to the BSU website, the group was formed in 1968 during the Civil Rights Movement. Its purpose is to provide a collective structure that encourages, develops and protects the interest of students at PUC. To do this, they promote a unified campus environment by breaking down barriers of race, sex and religion to promote the importance of fellowship and community.

"One of our biggest plans right now is a banquet," Jones said about the anniversary event. "We're planning to have it on Dec. 4 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m."

The event, which will take place at the PUC Conference Center, requires formal attire. Big plans are in store.

"We are planning to have a formal sit down dinner and give out awards to our members," Jones said.

The BSU is also working on other surprises for the anniversary celebration.

"We are trying to get the founder of the Black Student Union to come and give a keynote speech," Jones said. "We also want to use that opportunity to tell him 'thank you' for coming up with the BSU and for allowing us to keep it going."

Student Organization Executive Board meeting designed to help students

Joelle Halon
News Editor

The first meeting of the Student Organization Executive Board was Friday, Nov. 20. The board formed to help student organizations in response to the growing number in the past few years.

Held by Gloria Roldan-Schieb, Debbie Bachman, Carol Wolfe and Leticia Toma, the purpose of the SOEB meeting was to address the needs of student organizations on campus.

Representatives from several student organizations attended the meeting in order to learn about emergency preparedness, community service opportunities and Co-Curricular Transcripts.

At the beginning of the meeting, Roldan-Schieb discussed community service opportunities available to student organizations. She suggested in addition to doing several charities throughout the year from requests by organizations, organizations should combine forces to service the community.

The suggestion came about when Roldan-Schieb mentioned the many different organizations often competing to hold drives at the same dates and times. By combining forces, more people are helped.

"Student organizations are helpful with community organization projects," Roldan-Schieb said. "We help with food and clothing drives for the region, not just specific areas."

On the Student Activities Web site, many community service opportunities are available. Organizations like Haven House and the Humane Society contacted Student Activities to find volunteers.

Wolfe mentioned student organization community projects can be listed on the Web site; they just need to contact the SA office.

In addition to the community service projects listed on the SA website, there is also the Junior Achievement program. The program mentors, tutors, and trains students through a variety of activities and may be of interest to those students who want to teach or improve their speaking skills. Students who participate in this program have the opportunity to visit other schools to help kids. Lafayette Elementary, located in Hammond, is part of the program.

For updates on upcoming projects, whether it is a community service project or an SA event, students are encouraged to check their PUC email.

Another topic discussed was emergency preparedness. Bachman, a building deputy for SUL, gave a presentation.

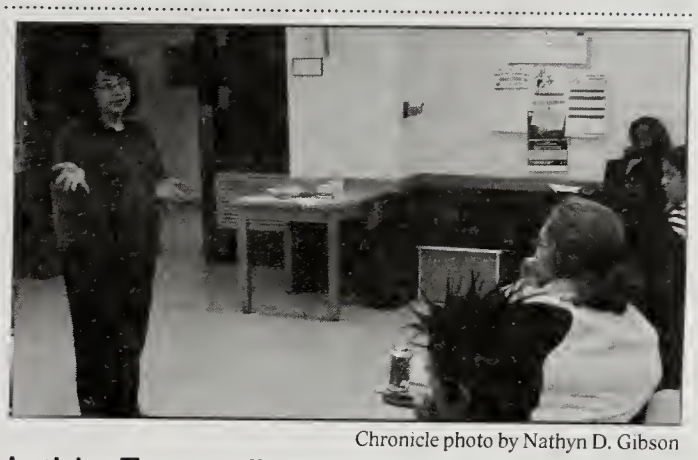
"Emergency preparedness has been highly talked about because of events that have occurred on campus and off campus," Bachman said.

One of the suggestions Bachman made was for students to program PUC's emergency numbers into their cell phones. She advised to use these numbers immediately if anyone sees someone acting suspiciously or if something does not feel right.

Bachman also discussed PUC's new Alert Me system.

"Students asked for the service. PUC has it now, but students need to sign up for it," Bachman said.

PUC's Alert Me system is a text-messaging service students can have programmed into their phones via the PUC website. The system alerts students about weather-related closings and potential dangers on campus.



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Leticia Toma talks to representatives of the student organizations on campus about Co-Curricular transcripts.

In regards to weather, Bachman said students need to know where the "storm safe" zones are located. Bachman mentioned the signs located in buildings and classrooms to show where these safety zones are.

"If you're waiting for an elevator, read the material on safety. It's not just there to hang around," Bachman said.

Bachman also showed organization representatives features on the PUC Police Department Web site. Included on the site are ways to report a crime, crime prevention, safety guidelines and the PUC crime log. There is also a silent witness form to anonymously report crimes.

Leticia Toma followed Bachman's speech by discussing Co-Curricular Transcripts, a form all members of student organizations should fill out in order to get credit for the organizations they participated in.

"These forms document what you've done," Toma said in regard to CCT's.

Toma stressed CCT's need to be updated regularly in the database. These forms help in job marketability as well as applying to graduate school. CCT's can be found on the SA website.

For next semester's meeting, student organizations are encouraged to come up with topics they would like to discuss. One topic an audience member suggested was Red Cross training.

Hammond Code Enforcement seeks out illegal housing

Marissa O'Donley
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During these troublesome economic times, illegal housing cropped up all over NWI, especially in Hammond.

Illegal houses are buildings that have been "cut up," or changed, to have more rooms than intended. An example of illegal housing is making an attic or basement into one or more bedrooms.

It is not unheard of for a neighborhood to be overrun by illegal houses – when one house is "cut up," more tend to follow suit. Crime and parking issues can arise when such situations occur, making the area unstable.

Less than a year ago, Hammond merged several of their departments to form the Code Enforcement Division. This was done in hopes of achieving higher performance in housing-related jobs.

Under the CED, Building Commissioner Kurt Koch taught his employees building codes and what to look for in houses being searched. The trained personnels' average grades were around 91 percent in terms of inspections.

One of the building codes concerns ceiling height. The minimum height is seven feet. However, there are many basement and attic apartments that do not conform to this regulation, posing health and safety hazards.

Another code is fire seperation, meaning it must take one hour for fire to spread from one room into the next.

Illegal apartments do not follow the CED's above stated regulations. Hammond has been forced to crack down on these dwellings for the safety of the people involved.

CED Commissioner Kelly Kearney mentioned a case where a house went up in flames, causing three adults to die. In the basement apartment, a TV kept under the staircase caught fire. There were only block windows and firefighters had to use sledge hammers to get through them. Firefighters were unable to stop the fire and rescue the victims due to inadequate entry points.

Another case involved a family of eight living in a basement without a proper shower or toilet in a home infested with fleas.

As for how many of these houses are in existence, Koch stated there are likely dozens near the PUC campus and at least a hundred of them city-wide.

It is through the joint effort of the CED with the fire and police departments many of these houses are being found and dealt with. Citizens can also help by reporting any they suspect may be an illegal house.

In an article published in The (NWI) Times in Oct., Building Commissioner Jim Callahan was quoted as saying, "A telltale sign of an illegal housing unit is if unusually large amounts of trash are collected from the home on a daily basis."

When asked where those evicted from these homes can go, Koch said there are some shelters happy to help, though most are not able to aid families as a whole.

There had been talk of the city creating a program to aid these individuals, however, it is considered their responsibility to find homes.

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★macy's thanksgiving day history

LeAnne Munoz
Editor in Chief

When a person thinks about Thanksgiving Day, their mind will ultimately drift toward thoughts of turkey, pumpkin pie, and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. This Turkey Day staple has captured the hearts of many for over 80 years.

The Macy's Parade, which was originally the Macy's Christmas Parade, first made its debut in 1924. During the first few years of its inception, the parade was organized by employees of the Macy's department store. Each year, the parade consisted of floats, performing bands, live animals from the Central Park Zoo with store employees, professional entertainers and Santa Claus himself marching into New York City's famous Herald Square.

The store owners decided to make the parade an annual occurrence and introduced its first large balloon into the spectacle in 1927 – Felix the Cat. According to nyctourist.com, the tradition was to release the balloons at the end of the parade as a grand finale. The balloons were designed with safety valves allowing them to float for days, but also had a Macy's department store address sewn onto them, so whoever found the balloon could return it to the store and receive a $100 reward. However, according to a Time magazine article about the parade, the tradition was ended when in 1932 a wayward balloon wrapped itself around the wing of a passing airplane, sending it crashing into the ground.

Since that time, the Macy's Day Parade has housed a myriad of different characters, from the first appearance of a Mickey Mouse balloon in 1934 to the first appearance of Kermit the Frog in 1977. Celebrities have also made their way into the parade festivities. According to nyctourist.com, such celebrities as Sid Ceaser and Howdy Doody have made appearances, as well as the ever popular and famous Radio City Music Hall Rockettes.

This parade has seen its fair share of gloomy days. In 1942 through 1944, the parade was canceled due to World War II when the rubber used to make the balloons was rationed. The parade was also canceled due to high winds in 1971. Yet even through the trials and tribulations of high winds, cold weather and lost balloons, this holiday tradition has prevailed for many years; and is likely to continue for many years to come.

This year the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will start on Thanksgiving morning at 8 a.m. on NBC.

Health & Fitness corner

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Many look forward to Thanksgiving Day as a time to pig out on anything and everything in sight. While there is nothing wrong with this concept theoretically, it can put a serious damper on anyone trying to maintain a healthy lifestyle. According to the American Council on Exercise, the average Thanksgiving Day meal is 3,000 calories. Sometimes, it's easy to extend the Thanksgiving feast all the way until New Years Day, which can end up bringing unwanted weight. The following are some suggestions on how to enjoy your meal without going overboard:

Exercise the day before and after – this will help those who put things off to stay on track. Or make exercising a family affair by planning an after-dinner walk in the park, organize a fun game of football with the kids, or even get grandma involved in a fun game of bowling on the Wii.

Manage your portions well – try a little bit of everything, but save seconds for the items you really enjoy. When going back for seconds, try to keep the portion size reasonable. Remember, it is okay to decline more food, just be courteous in doing so. If you know you have reached your desired limit, don't try to "make room for more."

If you cook the meal, try to incorporate healthier versions of classic dishes, such as sweet potatoes without marshmallows but instead with nutmeg and cinnamon. If feeling ambitious, add kale to your mashed potatoes and top with olive oil instead of butter.

Substituting high-fat ingredients with low-fat ones may make the difference in calories down the line. For example, try using whole wheat flour instead of enriched white flour when baking, which, according to sparkpeople.com, will help save 77 calories and prevent a spike of insulin from affecting the body. Ditching holiday sweet treats such as cranberries in favor of apple sauce sprinkled with cinnamon may help cut extra sugar out of your diet.

If you aren't the one cooking, but still plan on making an appearance somewhere, bring along a tasty and healthy side dish, such as a salad or steamed vegetables. It is sure to be appreciated by the host.

Remember, it is ok to enjoy yourself. If you want to let yourself have a day where calorie counting and portion control are not in your vocabulary, go ahead. Relax and enjoy some diet downtime – just remember to get on track the next day.

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Compiled by **Nathyn D. Gibson,** Photo Editor

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What's going on at the Horseshoe?

William Koester
Staff Writer

At first glance, there is not much to do in Hammond. But for those over 21 with a little cash to spare, there's always the Horseshoe Casino. Even for those who don't care for gambling, the Horseshoe offers a wide variety of entertainment. Here are some of the events the casino offers for the remainder of 2009:

Sundays - Sunday Night Jazz Series:

Fans of jazz in Northwest Indiana need not travel into Chicago to experience the music. Every Sunday from 6 to 10 p.m., the Horseshoe features jazz musicians from in and around Chicago. What better way to start a week of classes than with a little jazz?

Wednesdays - Dueling Pianos Live:

This show is just as it sounds -- two piano players compete in a battle of skill before an audience. The show, which features music from many famous artists, also includes singing and gets the audience involved. Dueling Pianos performs every Wednesday starting in Dec.

Thursdays - Hookah Night

Hookah bars have gained a lot of popularity among college students in recent years. Starting in December, the Horseshoe will feature a hookah lounge every Thursday from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. The lounge will also feature music and belly dancers to give the night a true Middle Eastern flavor.

December 5 - Bob Saget

His days on "Full House" and "America's Funniest Home Videos" long behind him, funnyman Bob Saget has returned to his roots as a raunchy stand-up comic. His material is very dirty and not for anyone easily offended. But for anyone willing to check good taste at the door, Saget will surely make for a very funny evening.

December 30 - John Legend

The Grammy-winning R&B artist will bring his music to the Horseshoe Casino. For fans of Legend, tickets to this event would make a great Christmas present, and would be a wonderful way to cap off 2009.

BOONDOCK SAINTS 2 review

Cody Cummins
Staff Writer

The sequel to the popular movie "The Boondock Saints" hit the screens on Nov. 13. The sequel was titled, "The Boondock Saints 2: All Saints Day." The film aims itself at an audience looking for a fun movie and succeeds. It lacks in some story elements and things jump around, but other than that, it is fun and exciting. The movie is rated R, so anyone under 17 should stay at home.

"The Boondock Saints 2" takes place eight years after the events of the first movie. The audience finds the main characters, "The Saints" Conner and Murphy MacManus, back in Ireland with their father working as sheep farmers. Things take a turn when a Catholic priest is murdered on an altar in his church. Once The Saints hear of this murder, they decide it is time to come out of retirement and put an end to the murderers. From this point on, there is almost never a dull moment. Things are very fast-paced.

The movie jumps around a lot, in a very "Pulp Fiction" kind of way. The problem with this is it was not done as well as in "Pulp Fiction." Because of this, confusion occurs at some points. Fortunately, this does not detract from the movie's "fun" element. Surrealism is unexpectedly added to the story. While the movie is supposed to be action-oriented and a bit off-the-wall, some scenes will make even the most frequent action movie fan go, "What?!" Again, this does not detract from the movie; it is an interesting side note.

All in all, this is a very enjoyable movie. Even if some scenes are over-done, or it jumps around too much, it is still worth the money to go see. If you're an action movie fan, you won't be disappointed by this movie; it hits the mark exactly. I give it the Peregrin.

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PUC 'Talent' nothing at which to boo

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Yvonne Wood won PUC's Got Talent with her rendition of Dido's "White Flag." For more photos, go to pucchronicle.com.

LeAnne Munoz
Editor in Chief

Singing, cultural dances, poetry and even air guitar performances were equally represented during the Nov. 20 performance of PUC's Got Talent in Alumni Hall.

The show was styled very much like "America's Got Talent," with three judges giving their opinions and final judgments on the 19 performers. The president of Thunderclap Recordings, John Carpenter, participated in the judging of the event, as well as the president of Laughing Cat Productions, Carol Moore, and Horseshoe Casino table game supervisor Jennifer Kljaich.

The top three performers of the evening were Deepthi Karanam, coming in at third place with an Indian dance to songs from the film "Slumdog Millionaire." Coming in at second place was Kevin Varner, also known as The Black Godfather, who performed a song he wrote. In first place was Yvonne Wood, who performed her rendition of singer Dido's "White Flag."

Wood, 27, who has been working at the Writing Center since the fall of 2009, said the reason she auditioned in the first place was to lend moral support to a friend who also participated in the show.

Wood mentioned she had no initial illusions about winning.

"This whole ordeal has been a massive shock to me, but also an invaluable time," she said.

The first place prize included gift cards for an undisclosed amount from Best Buy and Albert's Jewelers, as well as four hours of studio recording time, furnished by sponsor Thunderclap Recordings.

Córdova addresses PUC scholarships

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Photo Editor

Purdue President France Córdova set her sights on the scholarships Purdue has to offer to incoming students during a speech held in the Calumet Conference Center.

Córdova mentioned a new scholarship called the Emerging New Leaders, funded by a six million dollar anonymous gift received last spring. Students from Hammond, Gary, East Chicago, and Indianapolis who are applying are eligible for scholarship.

Two scholarships which directly affect PUC are the Chancellor's Scholar's Award and the Best and Brightest Scholarship.

Córdova said the Chancellor's Scholar's Award is the most prestigious scholarship PUC has to offer. High school students who receive the scholarship receive 100 percent of their tuition and fees covered and 50 percent of the housing fee at the University Village covered. It is renewable annually if the academic standards are reached.

The Best and Brightest Scholarship is given to recent graduates of Indiana and Illinois high schools who display high academic excellence and potential to advance in Northwest Indiana or the Chicagoland area.

PUC's Experiential Learning and the Technical Assistance Program were acknowledged in the talks about economic development.

Córdova said Experiential Learning gives students hands-on experience and applied learning was payoff for students because it gives graduates a competitive advantage.

The Technical Assistance Program is used to help assist companies to become more efficient. In Lake County, 20 companies have been served in the past five years.

Córdova pointed at three new research institutes available on campus. One included the Center for Packaging Machinery, relating to the mechatronics.

Others included the Center for Innovation through Visualization and Simulation and the Hammond Innovation Center.

It was pointed out that the PUC freshman retention rate increased 10 percent in the last five years. Minority enrollment increased 10 percent over the last year and international student enrollment increased more than 20 percent over the last year.

According to Córdova, 47,000 jobs are generated from Purdue, making it the sixth largest employer in the state. She also said Purdue has a 3 billion dollar impact on the state.

Córdova gave credit to Chancellor Howard Cohen when she made reference to a book called "Crossing the Finish Line," which talks about students crossing the finish line and graduating. She gave the book to the chancellors of the Purdue colleges and Cohen was the only one to respond to her about it.

Córdova was introduced by Keith Krach, the chairman of the Purdue Trustees.

After the speech, Córdova was given a tour of the mechatronics engineering technology lab.

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Purdue President Frances Córdova gives a speech on scholarships and experiential learning on Thursday, Nov. 19.

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Augmented Reality

Have you ever seen the virtual yellow First down line during a football game? This is a simple example of what augmented reality can do. Augmented reality is a field of computer research which blends real world live video with computer generated objects. The addition of computer generated graphics to live video augments and enhances the viewing experience. As the technology advances it may even be possible to pull graphics out of your television screen or computer display and integrate them into real world environments!

In the future augmented reality can be used to expand a PC screen onto a real world environment. Things such as program windows and icons can appear as virtual devices in real space. They could be operated by eye gestures, looking or pointing. Some of these features may be used in future operating systems. Augmented reality makes it possible for personal display glasses to simulate a hundred conventional PC screens or even application windows around a user. We can see some of this technology being put to use with certain IPhone apps.

Augmented reality has been shown at 2009 E3 electronic expo event. Video game systems are using the technology as well to make more interactive games. Major system developers like Microsoft's 360 and Sony's PS3 are already working on implementing the technology in their gaming consoles. Engineers could also use this technology to show new designs in virtual space. Computer graphic students could use this to develop new designs in 3D space. For more information on this topic go to: http://www.howstuffworks.com/augmented-reality.htm or search the term 'augmented reality' in you tube for video demonstrations.

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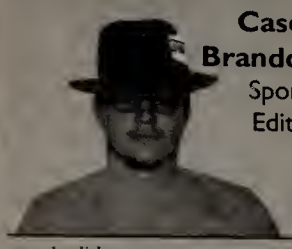
Lots of talent, few results



Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

I did not see any of the school's athletes perform at the PUC's Got Talent competition on Nov. 20. They probably should have been.

Had they, Peregrine fans might have seen more results in Alumni Hall, because they are not apparent on the basketball court.

Both the men's and women's team have talented squads. Both teams have played hard so far.

The Ladies had immediate success with two wins to start off the season. Since then, they have failed to make the win column. Coach Tom Megyesi has told me on several occasions the schedule this year is pretty tough, as PUC will be playing nationally-ranked competition. The team is playing harder foes to identify their weaknesses before conference play starts up.

As a team with the capability to do some damage in division II of the Chicago Collegiate Athletic Conference, expect the Ladies to start dropping the W's soon.

As for the men's team, their losing record appears more a matter of youth and inexperience thus far. The first win of the season has been elusive for this young men's squad. They also played nationally-ranked competition, almost pulling off a victory against one of these.

Yet their record still stands with a big goose egg in the win column. The most they have scored in a game is 95 points, so the defense giving up 96 points per game isn't going to cut it.

Both Voudrie and Megyesi have talented squads this year. Both have their teams playing hard.

Neither is seeing the immediate results that would excite Peregrine fandom.

Neither is winning.

Results are needed to get the student body excited. The season is still young and both teams have only played a handful of games. Yet, attendance at the games is not nearing half capacity, let alone full, in the Fitness Center gym.

Having talented squads is important, but seeing the results of the talent in play is more important.

As the non-conference schedule continues, both coaches are still learning about their teams. They are still taking stock of what these talented players are strong at and what weaknesses could be exploited by other teams. When conference play starts up, hopefully the PUC basketball teams are firing on all cylinders and producing the W's.

So far, the season has the beginnings of being a long non-conference schedule which produces more losses than wins.

Fans should expect results immediately. These teams, though, just might not be able to produce for them.

Either way, maybe next year the men's and women's team should take their chances on PUC's Got Talent, if only for the fans.

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Beck brings talent and energy

Chronicle file photo

Stephaine Beck is averaging 12.3 points and 3.3 rebounds per game. She has 12 steals and 20 rebounds this season.

Josue Almeida
Staff Writer

Starting guard Stephaine Beck provides the intangibles to the Lady Peregrine squad.

Beck is a sophomore majoring in hospitality and tourism management, in her second season with the team. Her talent was acknowledged by her teammates.

"The girls were all welcoming. It was the main attraction to this team," Beck said. "I love it, and I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Beck has played basketball for 12 years, since she was seven years old. She impressed Coach Tom Megyesi with her abilities and talent.

"She has excellent knowledge of the game," Megyesi said. "[She] plays with a lot of intensity and keeps focus."

Megyesi spouted confidence in Beck this year. Beck herself is aware of her abilities and modestly repeated what Megyesi always tells her.

"Coach is always reminding me I'm a shooter and all he wants me to do is shoot and score," Beck said.

Megyesi called her "an outstanding guard" and trusts her skills. He feels she has a great 3-point shooting range.

Beck does all she can for her team. According to Megyesi, she is very vocal and encouraging.

"You have your leaders and captains on this team, but I try to do my role the best I can," Beck said.

According to Coach Megyesi, her large stamina fuels the team's endurance.

"I rotate players in and out to let everyone have a chance at playing, but I'll keep Stephaine out there a little longer, or when she tires out, I will sub her. Right now, she is averaging 23 minutes a game," Megyesi said.

Both Beck and Megyesi have confidence in this season's turnout. Beck has one main goal this year: winning conference.

Being an excellent player and a great teammate make Stephanie Beck a true Lady Peregrine.

PEREGRINES

Women's Basketball

November			
Fri 11/13/09	Damen College (NY)	@Amherst, NY	5:30 p.m.
Sat. 11/14/09	Notre Dame (OH)	@Amherst, NY	2:00 p.m.
Tue. 11/17/09	Bethel College	@Mishawaka, IN	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 11/21/09	St. Xavier University	Fitness Center	1:00 p.m.
Tue. 11/24/09	IU South Bend	Fitness Center	5:00 p.m.
11/28/09	Holy Cross College	@Notre Dame, IN	12:00 p.m.

Men's Basketball

November			
11/13/09	IU East	@Richmond, IN	9:00 p.m.
Sat. 11/14/09	IU Southeast	@Richmond, IN	3:00 p.m.
Tue. 11/17/09	Michigan Dearborn	Fitness Center	7:00 p.m.
Tue. 11/24/09	IU South Bend	Fitness Center	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 11/28/09	Taylor University	@Upland, IN	3:00 p.m.

Men's Peregrines are 0-2. Women's Peregrines are 2-0

NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE

Written by Steve Hofstetter, Keith Alberstadt, Ryan Murphy and Chris Strait

LeBron James believes he could play in the NFL. But only if he stayed in Cleveland. Jeremy Shockey doesn't believe LeBron James deserves to play in the NFL. Then again, many people don't think Jeremy Shockey does either.

Larry Brown is calling teams on behalf of Allen Iverson. The process is taking forever since he's using a rotary phone.

The undermanned New Jersey Nets had to use a chair in place of a player during a recent practice. The chair scored 25 and pulled down 7 boards.

The New Jersey Nets have no intention of firing head coach Lawrence Frank. No matter how much he begs.

Golden State only dressed eight players in a loss to the Cavs. More players were available but none of them wanted to wear a Warriors jersey.

6'8" 275-lb Mike Sweetney signed a deal to play in China. Now comes the hard part: designing a plane big enough to take him there.

Zack Greinke has been named the American League's Cy Young Award winner. It was the Royals' first win since July.

The Knicks have decided to pass on signing Allen Iverson. Odd, since Iverson hasn't passed in years.

Larry Brown reportedly had been texting Allen Iverson. Brown's plan is to slowly teach Iverson to read.

Allen Iverson has placed phone calls with the Knicks and the Bobcats. Up next, the Suicide Hotline.

Tennessee has dismissed two freshmen football players charged in an attempted armed robbery. Miami sent them honorary degrees.

Dennis Rodman was detained in Germany after a hotel said he skipped out on a $5,000 bill. That's nothing: Rodman used to spend that much just on dress alterations.

And Miami believes it's found a way to lure LeBron James and Chris Bosh to the Heat. It's called "a miracle."

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Bethel outlasts PUC on Nov. 17

Staff Report

The Lady Peregrines fell to a record of 2-3 as they missed a chance to upset the #8 Bethel College Pilots on Nov. 17. With a final of 91-80, late turnovers caused PUC to falter down the stretch.

PUC kept the game close in the first half, while making only 30.6 percent of their shots. The Lady Peregrines started off sluggish, according to freshmen guard Alyssa Trinidad.

The Pilots were able to pull down 17 offensive rebounds in the half, allowing for a 40-31 lead at the half.

"Our rebounding killed us," Sara Keilman, senior majoring in business management and communications, said.

Bethel opened up a 20 point lead in the second half before the Lady Peregrines were able to reel them back in.

After several late runs, PUC ran out of time and the Pilots emerged victorious.

Top PUC scorers of the night were sophomore guard Stephaine Beck with 19, junior guard MeMe Harris with 16 and freshmen forward Tierra Turner with 13.

Turner also led the team with 12 rebounds, completing the double-double.

"We need to do a better job at defensive rebounding," Coach Tom Megyesi said. "We need block out as well."

The promise is 'Bright'

Zach Heridia
Staff Writer

Through four losses, one freshman on the men's basketball team stands out.

Center Kameron Bright earned last week's Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference player of the week. He also gained a spot on the IU/PU Challenge All-Tournament team. Bright recorded 28 points, 10 rebounds and two assists in Calumet's game against IU Southeast. He averages 16 points and 10.3 boards per game.

Bright was named to the:
• IU/PU All-Tournament Team
• Jimmy John's All-Classic Team

Averaging a double-double; 16 points and 10.3 rebounds

According to senior guard Antonio McNeal, Bright could become unstoppable.

"He's got the size, the work ethic, [and] the techniques. He can really dominate," McNeal said. "He's a defensive threat also. By his junior year, he'll be unstoppable in the post if he continues like this and improves."

Bright feels amazed by what he has done. He is glad to prove what he has to offer the team.

"My output... it's better than I expected," Bright said. "In high school, I averaged about the same points and rebounds, but this is different. Overall, I'm just worried about getting in the paint. If I get there, I can score, rebound or pass it out to a teammate."

Coach Dan Voudrie noticed Bright's improvement and hopes the fire in Bright continues to burn.

"He's been very competitive. It's helped put him in position to be successful," Voudrie said. "It's not that I've put in him a place to succeed or that he knows everything about the plays. His aggressiveness has compensated for him not always knowing or being sure. He goes to the ball. That's the key down low."

In addition to his intensity, Bright said he is in the best shape of his life and still improves.

"The conditioning has helped a lot. I'm able to keep my intensity up. Because of college my mentality has changed. I'm able to turn my intensity off and on. I can find my spots and get to them. I'm in a scorer's mentality, but I know how to play team ball," Bright said.

Junior forward Mike Patton said Bright is a good player, but is also what he calls a gamer.

"A gamer really brings it on game days. He has a knack for that," Patton said. "He just seems more aware, more in tune. He's been excellent."

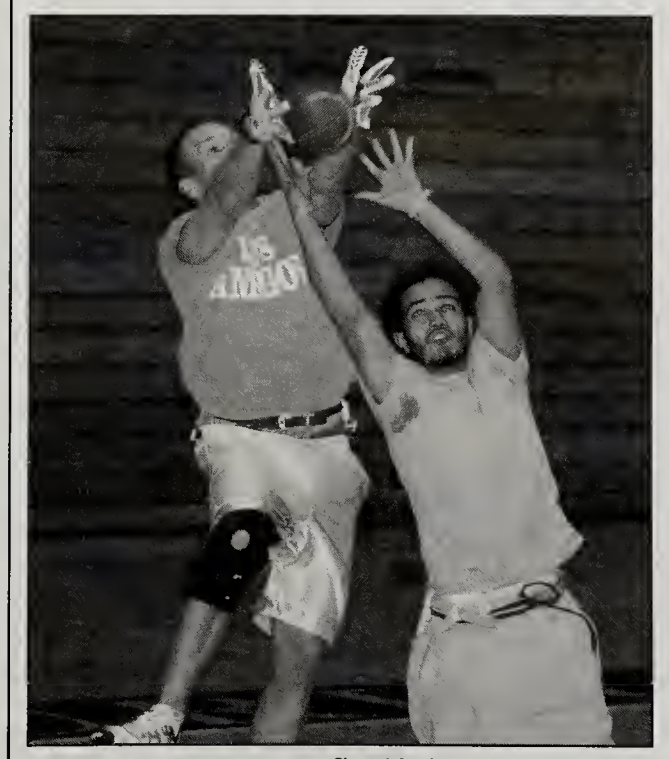
"He's been pretty good, for a freshman," Patton joked. "Really, he's been pretty good no matter what. He's been the energy lately, and that urgency will help."

Bright and PUC's next game will be against IU South Bend at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Fitness Center. The game can also be heard on WJOB 1230 AM.

Chronicle file photo

Kameron Bright is averaging 16 points per game, 10.3 rebounds, 1.25 blocks. He is shooting .500 from the field and .600 from the free throw line while averaging 26.8 minutes per game.

Dream defeats Ramrod



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Jeff Spyrk and American Dreams and Jr Lebron of Team Ramrod fight over the possession of the ball in the final minutes of the first half. American Dreams defeated Team Ramrod to advance in the playoffs.

8 ball season continues

Chronicle photo by Jose Cortes

Bo Jin, a sophomore in marketing, defeated Anthony Gordon two games in a row during Tuesday, Nov. 17's 8-ball intramural.

Lady Peregrines fall prey to Cougars

Chronicle photo by Heather Mac

Sophomore guard Nicci Desimone attempts to pass the ball during the Peregrines game against St. Xavier.

Heather Mac
Staff Writer

PUC was hard pressed to score points against #7 St. Xavier on Nov. 21, losing 110-64.

For the first eight minutes, the Lady Peregrines hung with the Lady Cougars, who are ranked seventh in the nation, but it did not take long for St. Xavier to pull away.

Three-point field goals were abundant for the Cougars, who made 60 percent of their shots. The Cougars forward, senior Erin Hannemann, made six out of seven 3-point shots.

Lady Peregrines Coach Tom Megyesi was proud of his girls' effort on the court.

"St. Xavier's a very good team. They played hard and we, someday, hope to be at their level of competition," Megyesi said.

Guard MeMe Harris, a junior majoring in medicine, led the Peregrines in scoring with 16 points. Forward Amanda Gaskin, a freshman majoring in criminal justice, pulled down 10 rebounds.

Down by 19 after the first half, Megyesi made a change to a half-court press defense. It was an attempt by PUC to create turnovers after the Lady Cougars inbounded the ball, but St. Xavier did not have much of a problem breaking it. According to Megyesi, the press was an attempt to get back in the game.

"We weren't quitting," Megyesi said.

Both teams played scrappy defense. With only five minutes left, the Peregrines tried to make up a 15 point deficit with aggressive play.

Score: 110-64

MeMe Harris led the team with 16 points

Amanda Gaskin career high, 10 rebounds

Sophomore guard Nicci Desimone, was up for the task, but the Cougars coaching staff were not very appreciative of her efforts.

St. Xavier assistant, Andy Shaw, commented during the game while sitting on the Cougar bench that Desimone was "playing like a dirty dog."

"I was kind of playing overaggressive, but they were all over me on the defense," Desimone, a sociology major, said.

According to Desimone, the Peregrines showed a lot of hustle and played hard, but there needs to be improvement on speed and rebounding.

Desimone finished the game with five points, two rebounds and one steal in 23 minutes she played.

After the loss, the Lady Peregrines fell to an over-all record of 2-4.

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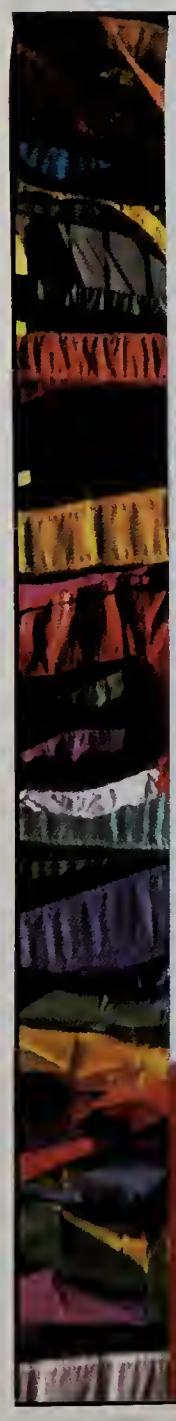

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